

# The Wiccan Church of Minnesota

Governance Moot Minutes

Noon, June 7, 2015, Como Park Grill, St. Paul, MN

## General Moot

**Attendees:** Emrys Anu, Rachel, Annie, John, Keith, Dawn, Estelle, George, Lou, Nancy

**Meeting Called to Order:** 12:15pm

**Presiding:** Green Man

**Previous Minutes:** Approved

### Reports

**General Rep:** Much of the same things ... most of the minimal correspondence is not appropriate for action.

**Teachers Rep:** It's far too quiet.

**Elders Rep:** Membership information should be made available to Elders per Handbook.

**Treasurer:** WiCoM Checking Balance: 4,108.31; WiC-Con Checking Balance: \$859.99; Most Recent RBC Balance: \$17,267.52

**Secretary:** Minutes have been distributed.

**Weberafter:** Web up-to-date as of last evening. The offer of webcrafting from another individual did not pan out; life interfered.

### Old Business

**Astrological Intensive:** It happened; it was a good session, and we're considering a mini-session at Magus in the foreseeable future.

**Trustee Designations:** Per email communication with George, both Maggie and Neva have agreed to continue as Trustees. They did not express a preference on whose term came due next.

**Bank Account Signatories:** In discussions with USBank personnel, it was found that they no longer use signature cards, and the signers on each account must appear in person to sign digitally. This means we need to determine in advance who should be signing for which account. A suggestion of having a Trustee as a signer was not accepted as they are charged with the fiscal "watchdog" duties, and would be the ultimate means of disbursement of funds in the event of corporate dissolution. It was determined that the Treasurer and Gen Rep are logical signers for the primary operating account, and that the Elders' and Teachers' Reps be the signers for the other ("reserve") account. It was pointed out that there exists the possibility that two members of the same household might end up as signers on the same account, and that the assignments be adjusted as necessary to avoid this situation.

### New Business

**Ritual Critique Meetings Ostara and Beltaine:** No interest was indicated.

**Pending Membership Discussion** – An incident at the Beltaine ritual brought the membership reinstatement procedures into examination. The issue was referred to the Elders' Moot for further consideration.

**May Couple Events Budget:** In support of the statement that the May Couple may host modest events in support of building community, communication and cooperation, the May Queen recommends that a budget line item be established for the expedited funding of those events. After some discussion of an appropriate amount, a recommendation that the Exec Board establish a \$300 limit. This is not intended to absolutely limit the expenditures, but as a trigger-point for specific approvals should the expenses for an event exceed that limit. Donations which may accrue from those events are to be returned to that line-item. Referred to Exec Board for approval.

**PO Box Notice:** When recently checked, there was a notice of pending closure of the PO Box. Considering we have the cashed check to prove our payment, John is to be authorized to bring the USPS error to their attention and have it corrected. We should also take steps to obtain a second PO Box key, as only one is currently accounted for. Referred to Exec Board for approval.

**Next Moot:** September 13, 2015, location to be determined

**Adjourned:** 1:18pm

## Teachers Moot

**MCTO:** 1:19pm

**PRESIDING:** Green Man

Per standing orders, all minutes and reports from the General Moot are included by reference in this moot.

### Coven/Teacher Reports:

**Azure Dome:** Still working and Teaching

**The Ladies:** (still on hold)

**Torch, Key, and Wing:** So Far, So good. Progress is being made.

**Misfit Toys:** We have several pre-initiates, and one working on their second degree. Cross-training ("guest" trainers) are welcome.

**John:** His student is making steady progress.

### Old Business

(see above on Astrological Intensive)

### New Business

**New Teachers' Rep Election:** In light of John's new status as Green Man, we need to name a new Teachers' Rep. Emrys Anu expressed her willingness to serve, and those teachers in attendance cast a white ballot to accept her. Congratulations, Emrys Anu!

**Next Moot:** After General Moot

**Adjourned:** 1:32pm

## Elders Moot

**MCTO:** 1:33pm

**PRESIDING:** Green Man

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### Old Business:

**List of Professionals for Referrals (non-web):** Still on hold.

## New Business:

**Associate Membership Clarification:** In the Handbook, it is indicated that a new member enters the membership at the Associate level, and may petition for a higher level at the next regularly scheduled moot.

**Membership Reinstatement Procedures:** In view of the Beltaine membership question, the appropriate reinstatement procedures were thoroughly discussed, and it was determined that, in general, simple lapses of dues payments, relocations, life situations and similar should only require a refresh of pertinent contact data and paying the dues for the year, and the member's initial intent of abiding by WiCoM's precepts are not typically questioned. However, if the member has resigned stating, in writing, or vocally in a public venue, that they *disagree with the precepts of the organization, then it only seems prudent for the Elders to request a conversation with the member to confirm their change of heart*. After extensive discussion, those Elders in attendance agreed on appropriate wording, and agreed that the Handbook should be updated to reflect this opinion. Further, in the case of the Beltaine request, the member(s) withdrew their requests. **Recommendation for refunding their dues was referred to the Executive Board for approval.**

**Vouching for Membership as Second-Degree Initiate:** John requested the Elders recognize Travis' membership elevation request, documenting him as a second-degree initiate and a Voting Member of WiCoM. **Request passed unanimously.** The differential dues were proffered to bring his dues in line.

**Next Moot:** After Teachers' Moot (above)

**Adjourned:** 1:50pm

## Executive Moot

**MCTO:** 1:51pm

**PRESIDING:** General Rep

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## Old Business

### New Business

**Recurring:** Authorization of Treasurer to pay our reasonable and recurring bills.

**Referrals from Previous Moots:**

**May Couple \$300 Budget Line Item:** The Exec Board refined the suggestion of a May Couple Event recommendation to limit the initial duration to one year's time, and after further review at that time it is eligible to become a recurring line item. Further, should there be enough donations accruing from these events to increase its working balance to over \$600, the amount over \$600 is to be returned to the general funds. If needed, the May Couple may request additional funding at a moot. **Resolution Passed.**

**Membership Reinstatement Policy:** Approved the reinstatement policy as described in the Elders' Moot.

**Signatories to the bank accounts:** The operating account shall have two signatories: The Treasurer and the General Rep. The other account shall have two signatories of the Elders' Rep and the Teachers' Rep. Signatories of the accounts shall be adjusted to avoid two members of the same household being signatories on the same account. **Approved.**

**Transfer of funds:** In light of the current balances, the Treasurer is instructed to direct an additional \$1000 dollars into the investment account. **Approved.**

**Refund of withdrawn membership dues:** The treasurer is instructed to refund the disputed dues paid at the Beltaine Ritual, as they have withdrawn their applications. Keith volunteered to hand deliver the refund checks. **Approved.**

**Post Office Box Issue:** Should there be additional fees involved in the resolution of the apparently erroneous PO Box closure notice, those fees are authorized for payment. Any additional fees to obtain two keys for the PO Box are similarly approved.

**Reimbursement Requests:** None.

**Next Moot:** After Elders' Moot (above)

**Adjourned:** 2:03pm